GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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DRIP IRRIGATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made regarding the success and requirement of funds under drip irrigation project/scheme in the country;

(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof;

(c) the criteria adopted for fixing target and allocating funds under the drip irrigation project; and

(d) the reasons for fixing low targets and poor achievement under the scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The Government of India had constituted a Task Force in July,2003 to assess the scope and potential of drip irrigation in the country and recommended the requirementof funds and implementation strategy. Based on the recommendation of the task force, theGovernment launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Micro Irrigation (MI) in January, 2006 for promotion of drip & sprinkler irrigation.

(c)&(d): The target and allocation of funds for Micro Irrigation Scheme are demand driven and made on the basis of Annual Action Plan received from the various States. An area of 6.97 lakh ha. has been brought under micro irrigation within two years of the launch of the scheme. Thus, substantial progress has been achieved compared to the earlier period which recorded an average addition of 50,000 ha. per annum, prior to the launch of the scheme.